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As a below named inventor, hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **TROUBLEPROOF PROCESS INPUT AND PROCESS OUTPUT**, for which an application for Letters Patent was filed as PCT Application No. **PCT/DE98/03771** on **December 22, 1998**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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